

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1-22. (Cancelled).

23. (Previously Presented) A softball comprising:

a composite core comprising (1) a central core having a first hardness, and (2) a first outer core layer adjacent the central core, the first outer core layer having a second hardness less than the first hardness; and

a cover surrounding the composite core,

the softball having a compression of about 400 lbs. or less and a coefficient of restitution of from about 0.400 to about 0.500 at 88 feet/second.

24. (Previously Presented) The softball according to claim 23, wherein the central core comprises a first urethane composition.

25. (Previously Presented) The softball according to claim 23, wherein the first outer core comprises a second urethane composition.

26. (Previously Presented) The softball according to claim 23, wherein the composite core further comprises a second outer core layer adjacent the first outer core layer, the second outer core having a third hardness.

27. (Previously Presented) The softball according to claim 26, wherein the third hardness is greater than the second hardness.

28. (Previously Presented) The softball according to claim 26, wherein the third hardness is less than the second hardness.

29. (Previously Presented) The softball according to claim 23, wherein the softball has a compression of about 375 lbs. or less.
30. (Previously Presented) The softball according to claim 23, wherein the softball has a compression of about 325 lbs. or less.
31. (Previously Presented) The softball according to claim 23, wherein the softball has a compression of about 200 lbs. or less.
32. (Previously Presented) The softball according to claim 23, wherein the central core comprises a first urethane composition, and the first outer core layer comprises a second urethane composition.
33. (Previously Presented) The softball according to claim 32, further comprising a second outer core layer adjacent the first outer core layer, the second outer core layer comprising a third urethane composition and having a third hardness.
34. (Previously Presented) The softball according to claim 33, wherein the third hardness is greater than the second hardness.
35. (Previously Presented) The softball according to claim 33, wherein the third hardness is less than the second hardness.